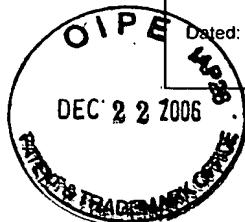


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In an Office action dated June 20, 2006, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office withdrew claims 13, 22-36 and 39 from consideration and rejected claims 12, 37, 38, and 40-51. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. This response is timely filed with a petition and fee for a three month extension of time.

Amendments to the specification: none.

Amendments to the claims are embodied in the new listing of claims that begins at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

Appended hereto are five articles and two declarations of Dr. Robert Ferrell that were filed in (and captioned for) the parent application, and that are referenced in the remarks.

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